

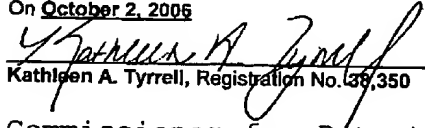
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Dear Sir:

Amendment with Request for Continued Examination

This amendment is responsive to the Advisory Action mailed August 18, 2006 and to the Final Rejection mailed April 4, 2006. A petition for an additional two (2) month extension of time and the requisite fee are provided herewith. A Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee are also provided herewith. Please enter the following remarks and Inventor Declaration into the record.

A listing of the pending claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.